

**Lansdale United Methodist Church**  
**December 13, 2020**



**300 N. Broad Street • Lansdale, PA • 19446**

# **Third Sunday of Advent**

## **9:00 a.m. LiveStream Worship Service**

**Pre-Service Music**

Ruth Rineer

**Greeting and Welcome**

Pastor Bill Lentz

We're glad you're attending our live stream services during the Season of Advent. Your presence is a joy. We hope you feel welcome and essential to us. We pray that the Spirit of God will touch your soul as we worship. Please send an e-mail to [office@lansdaleumc.org](mailto:office@lansdaleumc.org) to let us know you "attended" today! Thanks!

**Audio Prelude**

*Fantasia on Greensleeves*

Williams/Phila. Orchestra

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer / Ritual of Confirmation**

**Song**

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Rays Koshy, Ruth Rineer and Wayne Wylie

**Advent Wreath**

**Readings**

Psalms 126; Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Song**

*Until Jesus Comes*

**Sermon**

*A Voice for God*

**Song**

*You're Divine*

Mauldin

**Call to Generosity and Prayers**

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**Song**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

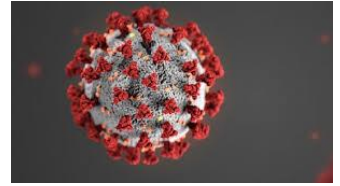
**Blessing**

**Audio Postlude**

*Il Est Né Le Divin Enfant*

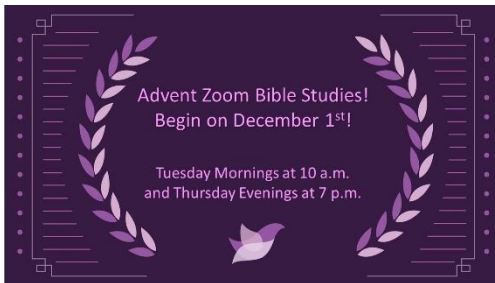
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***UPDATED! – COVID-19 STATUS – NEW!***  
***Commonwealth in a Surge***



**As of Monday, December 7th**, the Commonwealth of PA is still reporting increasing case totals of Covid-19.

The positivity rate has reached 14% around the state, signaling the virus is not under control. LUMC will remain in its current status of closed to all activity until further notice, except for the LiveStream service on Sunday mornings and other approved exceptions made by the Pastor or the Trustees. Faithful, prudent, and safe decisions will be announced when applicable. In the meantime, please commit yourselves to prayers for all those who have suffered personal and economic losses during the pandemic emergency.



**Advent Zoom Bible Studies**

You can join your congregation-friends and me at two Bible Studies during the Season of Advent. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:00 by Zoom! As we've done so far, we'll look at the Tuesday and Thursday daily lectionary

readings for the season. You can make the study a spiritual practice to get you ready for, perhaps, the most unusual Advent and Christmas seasons in our lifetimes! I hope you join in! Use these Zoom Meeting links to access the studies!

**Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.**

<https://zoom.us/j/96861616463?pwd=dIU2OHFjUnFIOFJjNnNCU1htK2pmZz09>  
Password: 020706

**Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.**

<https://zoom.us/j/96541778998?pwd=RGlsQkhtanZaQ3lVSjFOb2oza3VYdz09>  
Password: 014790

## ***Tune-In on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.!***



The Lansdale UMC Children's Ministry is on Facebook!! Watch Miss Liz LiveStream Sunday School each Sunday after worship, around 10:00 a.m., on this page. She also posts interesting items for our children to watch, read, and do throughout the week.



### **Return to In-Person Worship Is On Hold!**

By Pastor Bill Lentz

Friends in Christ! There's great interest in returning to in-person worship as soon as possible. People are missing the church terribly. I know this very well. I miss seeing and worshiping with you too. However, we're still in a pandemic emergency, and it's not safe, faithful, or prudent to return yet. The spread of Covid-19 is more virulent now than in the spring and summer. While a vaccine is in sight, it won't likely be available for mass inoculations until well into 2021. So, for now, let's see how the second wave progresses. I'll continue to monitor daily the medical status of the county and borough. I'll keep the congregation posted. My prayers are with you as I eagerly await the return! Be well.  
Peace. Pastor Bill.

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### **How to Contact Us!**

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**Click “Worship” on the Navigation Bar!**

***Happy Birthday to You!***

Neil Hagenbuch (7th)  
Siddalee Styers (13th)  
Haley Harper (16th)  
Charlee Shaw (19th)

Douglas Kober (13th)  
Jacquelyn Norton (14th)  
Owen Kennedy (16th)  
Ella Gerhart (22th)

Siddalee Styers (13th)  
Christopher Trember (14th)  
Carol Hagenbuch (17th)  
Kathleen Kober (23rd)

***Happy Anniversary to You!***

Shirley & Skip Bradley (23rd)



## ***December's Mission Emphasis – St. John United Methodist Church***

The Blue Envelope Mission Emphasis for December is designated to support St. John UMC of Bridgeton, NJ. The church is a designated Historic Native American United Methodist Church and is the fifth oldest Native American Church in the nation. It is the home church to many members of the Nanticoke and Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation. The church building is a “place of meeting for tribal affairs when none were available or allowed and a place of ministry to help the spiritual and physical needs of those in need.” They are working very hard to feed the families in the Tribe and community. There is enormous poverty. In December of 2019, they served 65-80 people a month. Recently, they served 428 families, of which 70% returned five of the seven times they were open. They also have a diaper ministry that helps anyone in need. You can support December's Mission Emphasis in three easy ways: Snail-mail your check payable to LUMC with the memo line: “St. John UMC” and put it in your Blue Envelope. Or go online to [www.lansdaleumc.org/giving](http://www.lansdaleumc.org/giving). Click the “Giving” dropdown menu and search for St. John UMC. Or, you can send a text message of your gift to 73256 with the text message “LansdaleFirstUMC.” Thank you for your generous support!



# **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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**Audio Prelude**

*Immanuel*

Michael Card

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Song**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Rays Koshy, Ruth Rineer and Wayne Wylie

**Advent Wreath**

**Readings**

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Mark 15:42-47

**Song**

*Wait for the Lord*

**Sermon**

*A Tale of Two Josephs*

**Song**

*One Small Child*

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**Song**

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

**Blessing**

**Audio Postlude**

*Every Valley Shall Be Exalted*

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